

Application No.: 09/994,613
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 6-18 and 21-26 are active in this application.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Applicants submit herewith a **Terminal Disclaimer**, thereby obviating the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1, 6-18 and 21-26 over U.S. 6,387,979.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge that the references cited in the **Information Disclosure Statement**, filed in the above-identified application on **November 28, 2001**, have been considered. Applicants note that the Examiner initialed all U.S. patent documents but did not initial the foreign patent documents. For the Examiner's convenience a copy of Form PTO 1449 as filed on **November 28, 2001**, is attached herewith.

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This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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